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SUBJ: CODEL KENNEDY

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1. PRIME MINISTER CALLED TODAY TO INFORM ME THAT HE IS UPSET THAT, DUE TO SCHEDULE CONFLICT, HE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO GIVE DINNER FOR SEN. KENNEDY HE WAS PLANNING FOR EVENING NOV 17. CONFLICT RESULTS FROM ERRONEOUS INFORMATION HE RECEIVED, AND LATER RECONFIRMED, FROM JORDANIAN EMBASSY WASHINGTON THAT SENATOR WOULD BE IN JORDAN ON EVENING NOV 18 RATHER THAN EVENING NOV 17 (REFTEL). AS A RESULT PRINCIPAL JORDANIAN FIGURES WILL BE INVOLVED IN WHAT WE UNDERSTAND TO BE VERY PRIVATE FAMILY DINNER FOR EMPRESS FARAH OF IRAN EVENING NOV 17. KING HUSSEIN WILL NOT BE ABLE TO SEE SENATOR AT ANY TIME DURING SENATOR'S CURRENTLY SCHEDULED VISIT. CROWN PRINCE STILL PLANNING TO GIVE BREAKFAST FOR SENATOR 8 A.M. NOV 18 BUT KING HUSSEIN WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE THERE EITHER.

2. ONLY WAY WE CAN SEE TO ARRANGE HIGH LEVEL DINNER AND
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MEETING WITH KING HUSSEIN IS TO EXTEND VISIT IN JORDAN UNTIL

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MORNING NOV 19 (OR SUBSEQUENTLY). WE WONDER IF SENATOR KENNEDY COULD MODIFY SCHEDULE TO PERMIT THIS? IF SO, WE WOULD SUGGEST EXTENDING STAY IN ISRAEL TO OVERNIGHT THERE NOV 17, PROCEEDING JORDAN NOV 18; DINNER GIVEN BY PRIME MIN. RIFAI AND ATTENDED BY KING HUSSEIN AND OTHER DIGNATARIES EVENING NOV 18. DEPARTURE AMMAN 0845 NOV 19 VIA MEA 313 FOR BEIRUT (ARRIVAL 0945 WITH MEA 302 CONNECTING FLIGHT TO CAIRO, DEPARTURE BEIRUT 1300, ARRIVAL CAIRO 1450. WE ARE REQUESTING THREE FIRST CLASS RESERVATIONS AS A PRECAUTION, IN CASE SENATOR DESIRES MODIFY HIS SCHEDULE. PLEASE ADVISE SOONEST. PICKERING

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